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Applicant : John Craig Smith
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed October 22, 2002, please amend the application as follows.

In the claims:

Add new claim 23.

--23. The method of claim 1, wherein the sequence at all of the nucleotide positions 14935, 15282, 19985, 20258, 33251, 36468, 36623, and 36720, as defined by the positions in the reverse complement of EMBL ACCESSION NO. AC006953, is determined.--

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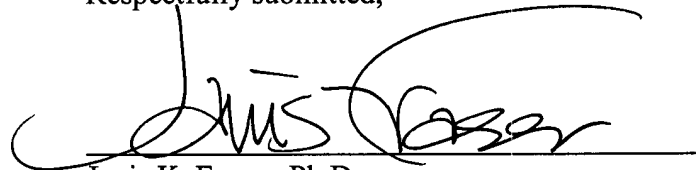
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